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Ryder Hesjedal of Victoria wears the overall leader's pink jersey as he sprays sparkling wine on the podium after the seventh stage of the Giro d'Italia Saturday.
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Ryding strong

Giro d'Italia. Victoria's Hesjedal blazing new trail in cycling race

Victoria cyclist Ryder Hesjedal is making history on the world stage.

This weekend the 31-year-old became the first Canadian to ever wear the famous pink jersey at the Giro d'Italia, given to the rider leading the 21-day, 3,493-kilometre road race.

And while Hesjedal fends off the world's best cyclists, Victoria — and the entire Canadian cycling community — is watching with pride.

"You can't beat a day like this," said Seamus McGrath, Hesjedal's friend, former Olympic teammate and ride director of the Tour de Victoria. "It's amazing, such a great moment for cycling in the country."

Hesjedal was able to defend the shirt Sunday during the mountainous eighth stage of the race, and McGrath reckons the pink shirt will be safe in his hands for a few more days as the stages get slightly easier.

No one in the Canadian cycling world is shocked by Hesjedal's success, McGrath added.

"Ever since he was 15 years old, Ryder has been a super talent," said McGrath.

"That's why, as a rider, you do this, train hard and deplete yourself again and again ... so you can lead one of the most prestigious races in the world. There isn't a harder sport in the world — you're racing six hours a day for three weeks. I can't think of any other sport so intense for that duration. We're really proud of Ryder."

McGrath first got involved in cycling after seeing his hero, Canadian cycling legend Steve Bauer, don the yellow jersey at the Tour de France. He now hopes the next generation of cyclists is inspired by Hesjedal's historic feat.

"All of Canada is watching him. He's helping make people aware of cycling as a great activity," McGrath said. "It's an amazing way of transportation and being fit, and hopefully Ryder is inspiring youngsters to get into the sport."

The 95th Giro d'Italia runs until May 27. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

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Okanagan

Float plane crashes near Peachland

A float plane carrying five people has crashed in British Columbia.

A spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board says the plane went down along Highway 97 near Peachland, southwest of Kelowna.

He says the DeHavilland Beaver burst into flames after the crash, but there was no information yet on fatalities or injuries.

The plane was flying from the Okanagan Lake to Pitt Meadows.

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Maple Ridge

Police investigating stabbing death

A 36-year-old man is dead after a stabbing in Maple Ridge Sunday morning.

Mounties were called to Ridge Meadows Hospital at 2:30 a.m. as the victim was being treated for his injuries, but he died shortly after.

The integrated homicide investigation team quickly learned that the stabbing occurred during an altercation at an apartment in the area of 223 Street and McIntosh Avenue.

The person that drove the victim to the hospital witnessed the incident and has been interviewed by police, but other details are scarce.

"We're still at the scene trying to determine ... who is responsible and the reasons why," said IHIT Cpl. Adam MacIntosh.

While the victim — yet to be publicly identified — is known to police, MacIntosh said the incident doesn't appear to be targetted or gang-related.

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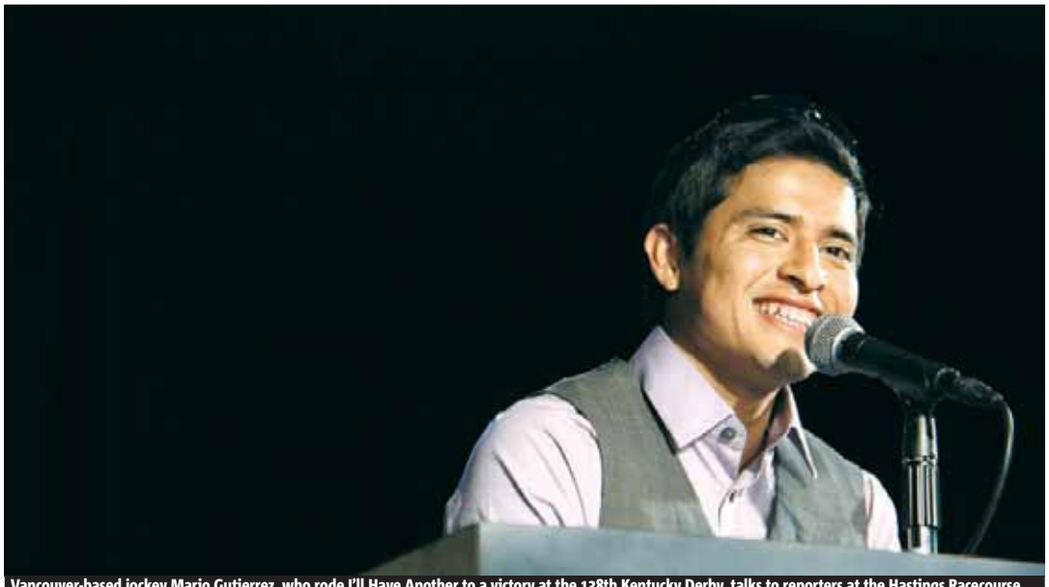

Vancouver-based jockey Mario Gutierrez, who rode I'll Have Another to a victory at the 138th Kentucky Derby, talks to reporters at the Hastings Racecourse, where he spent more than six years before moving to the U.S. racing circuit. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Hastings hero is 'still the same guy'

Marvelous Mario. More than 100 fans waited eagerly in line to meet 138th Kentucky Derby winner

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From being virtually unknown to being the talk of the horse-racing world, Vancouver-based jockey Mario Gutierrez says he's trying to savour every single minute of it.

Gutierrez, a native of Veracruz, Mexico, rode I'll Have Another to a win at the 138th Kentucky Derby earlier this month.

The 25-year-old was back at his home racetrack at Hastings Racecourse Sunday to visit his former colleagues and meet up and take photos with fans at the track's winner's circle. More than 100 fans waited eagerly in line to meet the Hastings hero.

"Just to see familiar faces, I just feel so happy," Gutierrez told reporters.

He said he was also excited to be at the other side of the tracks for a change, watching his friends race.

Gutierrez started riding at Hastings in 2006 when he was 19. He moved last winter to California where he began riding at Santa Anita.

"I'm still the same guy," he said. "I don't want anybody to think that I've changed. I want to keep being the same guy who rode at Hastings."

Gutierrez hopes that his win will inspire his fellow jockeys that anything is possible.

"If you have a dream and you follow it and you work hard ... sometimes you just need a little luck and a little push. If you have that, great things can happen," he said. "It happened to me and I don't see why it won't happen to anybody else."

Horse owner Glen Todd took Gutierrez under his wing and said he saw his potential since Day 1.

Todd said Gutierrez is like his "adopted son" and believes his win has put Vancouver horse racing on the map.

"He's done more for horse racing in six days than the rest of us have done in 20 years," he said.

Donna Hall, a longtime horse-racing fan who was first in line to meet Gutierrez, said she's excited to have somebody from Vancouver take the horse racing world by storm.

"It's so exciting to see someone so nice and talented.

"He deserves it," she said.

Gutierrez and I'll Have Another will try to win the second leg of racing's Triple Crown at the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore Saturday.

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On the web

Crew cleans up after mid-air collision

Debris scattered over a one-kilometre area after two small planes crashed in northern Saskatchewan on Saturday, killing five people. Go to metronews.ca for a photo gallery of divers cleaning up the wreckage.

Mobile news

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Homicide. Son charged with mother's murder

A 50-year-old Vancouver man is facing murder charges in the death of his elderly mother.

Richard Glenn Shields has been charged with second-degree murder.

Police found the body of his mother Ethel Fenotti, 72, inside an apartment on East 12th Avenue at around 3:30 a.m. Thursday after receiving a call from Shields.

Shields was arrested after his mother's body was found during a search of the suite.

VPD's homicide team were called in and have determined the death was a homicide.

Background

- The mother and son had lived together in the suite for seven years.
- Police had never been called to the apartment before.

Police have not released any cause of death, but said Fenotti's body showed signs of trauma.

Investigators are now trying to determine the events that may have led to the death.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Investigation. Brothers die in Richmond crash

Two teenage brothers, aged 16 and 19, were killed in a single-vehicle crash in Richmond Saturday.

Police believe that three people were in a vehicle speeding down No. 4 Road, south of Steveston Highway, just after 3 a.m. on Saturday when the car veered off the road and crashed into a tree.

The passenger side of the vehicle took the brunt of the collision, killing the two brothers sitting in that side of the car.

The driver was taken to hospital with minor injuries.

He has since been released.

The police investigation continues, however.

According to investigators, speed and alcohol seem to have contributed to the collision and RCMP are contemplating charges against the driver.

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Vancouver Island

B.C. First Nation declares state of emergency over recent suicides

A Vancouver Island First Nation has declared a state of emergency over a recent spate of suicides and suicide attempts.

Barbara McClintock of the B.C. Coroners Service says her agency can confirm four suicides among First Nations males in the Duncan and Nanaimo areas between Feb. 26 and April 26.

McClintock says three of the men were in their 20s and 30s but one was 72-years-old.

Ian Knipe of the Vancouver Island Health Authority says his organization met with the Cowichan Tribes, other bands and the RCMP to discuss the issue on April 25.

He says suicide rates tend to be higher among First Nations and relate to issues like residential schools and aboriginals being taken into government custody as children.

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Air Canada

70-year-old female passenger charged after flight attendant grabbed

A 70-year-old woman from North Vancouver, B.C., has been charged in an incident on an Air Canada flight in which a flight attendant was grabbed.

Richmond RCMP Staff Sgt. Dave Conrod says it happened on a flight between London, England, and Vancouver on Jan. 4.

He says a flight attendant was told a passenger was behaving strangely and when the attendant went to check on the situation she was grabbed by the neck.

The attendant was not hurt and the plane carried on to Vancouver, where the RCMP investigated. Conrod says Moira Gentry has now been charged with endangering or interfering with an airplane crew performing its duties.

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Richard Branson floats in the sea after failing in his attempt to Kite Surf across the English Channel in August 2010 in Dungeness, England. DAN KITWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

Branson has stunts in store for Vancouver

Vancouver-bound. Branson says he is looking forward to returning twice more this year

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British billionaire Sir Richard Branson has been called "the undisputed king" of publicity stunts, and has guaranteed he won't disappoint when he comes to Vancouver later this month.

From slinging seductress Dita Von Teese over his shoulder to driving a tank down Fifth Avenue in New York City, Branson has never been one to pass up an opportunity to get attention for his brands.

"Our inaugural trips for Atlantic flights are always great fun with parties, interesting people and usually a stunt or two," the charismatic magnate told Metro via email of his upcoming trip to celebrate Virgin Atlantic's first flight here from London, England.

"The plan is a pretty well kept secret until the last minute to surprise our new destination."

It was August the last time Branson visited Vancouver, and he said he's looking forward to returning twice more this year thanks to the city's memorable scenery, people and hyper-green politics.

The Virgin Group chairman will speak to the Vancouver Board of Trade May 25, and in October he'll be the featured speaker at the Surrey Economic Summit.

"I think Vancouver is a beautiful city that is trying to lead the way in environmental policy and planning: One of the key reasons why we launched the Green City Challenge (there) a few years ago," he said, referring to a 15-city international competition he launched at the 2010 Olympics to encourage private-sector loans and investment in carbon-reducing schemes.

"On a personal level, I have always found it a welcoming place," he added.

With the winner of the Green City Challenge set to be announced at this summer's London Olympics, his upcoming visit will be local politicians' last chance to make Vancouver's case for the award — which would fit in nicely with its goal of becoming the world's greenest city by 2020.

Despite his adventurous reputation, Branson said he's not expecting to do much sightseeing while he's here from May 24 to 26, but if he had more time he would head straight for Vancouver Island or to the mountains.

The Board of Trade event sold-out quickly, but due to demand additional seats have just been added. Register at boardoftrade.com.

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B.C. Mounties arrest man, woman on 64 counts of credit-card fraud

Mounties in North Vancouver say they have arrested two people on 64 counts of credit-card fraud.

Police say they received numerous complaints of thefts from vehicles at parks and hiking locations in North Vancouver between March 11 and April 14.

They say credit cards were stolen and allegedly used at Metro Vancouver businesses to buy clothing, fuel, tires, gift cards, electronics and computers.

The RCMP say the total of the frauds has exceeded $30,000 and the investigation is not yet over.

Police say they executed search warrants on two Port Coquitlam residences Tuesday.

Tara Maria Zerr, 38 and Jason Scott White, 37 are in custody, awaiting bail hearings this week and next.

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Love of flying common thread among Alberta crash victims

Tragedy. Five dead after planes collide mid air

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Two grieving Alberta families are struggling to comprehend how a private plane carrying their loved ones collided in mid-air with another Saturday.

A total of five people were killed in the incident, which took place near St. Brieux, Sask. Investigators on scene Sunday said debris from the two aircraft, a Piper PA-28 and Lake Buccaneer, is spread over more than a kilometre.

On board the Piper were pilot Denny Loree, who was in his 50s and had more than 1,000 hours flight experience, father Eric Donovan and his 11-year-old son Wade, family members confirmed Sunday. The trio were en route to pick up air seeder materials for Eric's grain and equipment business, said cousin Ian Donovan.

The deceased father leaves behind a wife and three children ages four to 10, Ian said.

"(Eric) was a great family man," he added. "He was always helping out in the community, helping out with his kids' baseball team."

The loving father also had a love of flying and had nearly obtained his pilot's licence.

Loree, meanwhile, had been flying for more than nine years, said son Mackenzie.

"He was a true gentleman and his biggest passion was flying," Mackenzie said. "He was an excellent pilot and that really was what he lived for."

Ian said young Wade had not flown much and relished the opportunity to join his father for the day trip.

There were no survivors in Saturday's collision. Two people on board the Buccaneer, which was headed from Regina to La Ronge, Sask., had not been identified Sunday.

The RCMP underwater recovery team searches one of two plane crash sites near St. Brieux, Sask., Sunday. LIAM RICHARDS /THE CANADIAN PRESS

The cause of the crash was still being investigated; however, Ian Donovan said investigators have indicated to his family that while Loree had set out a flight plan, the oncoming Buccaneer may not have.

Other details:

- RCMP Cpl. Rob King says remains of some of the victims were still at the scene on Sunday.
- King says RCMP went to the scene Saturday when they got a report that a piece of a wing had been found in a field.
- The mayor of St. Brieux says people in community are praying for the families of the victims.

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Smoke-bomb suspects charged with inciting fear of terrorism

People are shown on the Montreal subway in a police handout photo. A co-ordinated smoke-bomb attack crippled Montreal's subway system Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A man and three women in their early 20s were charged Saturday with committing a terrorism-related prank following smoke-bomb attacks that crippled the Montreal subway system earlier in the week.

The suspects, Francois-Vivier Gagnon, Genevieve Vaillancourt, Vanessa L'Ecuyer and Roxanne Belisle, turned themselves in to authorities Friday.

They appeared in Montreal court via video conference on Saturday to face charges of hoax regarding terrorist activity, which means they were accused of inciting fear of terrorism — not committing a terrorist act.

The charge carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

"The Crown must prove these were actions that would cause fear from the public ... that terrorist activities were committed," Robert La Haye, a well-known Quebec criminal lawyer, said in an interview.

"It doesn't mean that they are being charged with committing terrorist activities."

They were also charged with conspiracy and mischief of over $5,000, while Gagnon was charged with possession of a prohibited weapon for a knife.

Smoke bombs were set off at several metro stops at the height of rush hour Thursday morning, forcing the entire subway system to shut down and causing a major headache for commuters.

A merchants' association and a conservative economic think-tank have estimated the incident cost Montreal several million dollars in lost productivity.

The suspects were detained for the weekend and are scheduled to appear in court again on Monday.

Meanwhile, a radical student group, which has been highly critical of the student federations leading the fight against the tuition-fee increases, called for a rally in front of the Montreal courthouse during their appearance.

"It is only through the continuity, expansion and intensification of the movement that we can aspire to a fairer society," the group, called Force etudiante critique, or Critical Students Forces, said in a post on its website.

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Kony

Ugandan forces capture LRA senior commander

Ugandan forces captured a senior commander of Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army after a brief fight with rebels near the Congo-Central African Republic border, an army official said Sunday, in what an analyst said was an "intelligence coup" for forces hunting for Kony.

Lt.-Col. Abdul Rugumayo, intelligence chief for Uganda's military operation against the LRA, said Caesar Acellam was captured Saturday with two other rebel fighters as they tried to cross a river called Mbomu.

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Mystery mail

Mystery package causes illness

A postal worker says a mysterious leaking package from Yemen has left him seriously ill, but the U.S. Postal Service denies the package ever existed. Jeffrey A. Lill is reportedly suffering from toxic exposure symptoms.

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Drug war

49 bodies dumped on Mexico-U.S. highway

Forty-nine bodies, at least some of them mutilated, were found Sunday dumped on a highway connecting the northern Mexican metropolis of Monterrey to the U.S. border, officials said.

A law enforcement official said the bodies of 43 men and six women were found in the town of San Juan on the non-toll highway to the border city of Reynosa at about 4 a.m.

Authorities closed off the highway, blocking the way for hundreds of motorists, as federal and state police, joined by Mexican troops, sealed off the scene.

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Work pays off

Ivy League janitor graduates

It was a special day for one Columbia University janitor. The 52-year-old immigrant graduated from the Ivy League school with honours. It took Gac Filipaj a dozen years to finish his courses while working full time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ex-Taliban official's murder hurts Afghan peace process

Afghanistan. Senator and Afghan peace council member was working to organize talks between government officials and insurgents

A gunman in a car killed a former high-ranking Taliban official working on reconciling Afghanistan's insurgency with the government, a fresh blow to peace efforts even as Kabul announced it was gradually taking the lead from the U.S.-led coalition for providing security in much of the country.

A gunman with a silenced pistol killed Arsala Rahmani as he was sitting in his car at an intersection in one of the capital's most secure areas near Kabul University, police said.

The death of Rahmani, a top member of the Afghan peace council and a senator in parliament's upper house, dealt another setback to efforts to negotiate a political resolution to the decade-long war.

Rahmani was a former Taliban official who reconciled with the government and was active in trying to set up formal talks with the insurgents. His assassination follows that of the council's head last year.

He was shot just hours before President Hamid Karzai announced the third of a five-stage transition process that will have the Afghan National Security forces in control of the country by the end of 2014, when most foreign combat troops are to leave the country.

Afghan security forces now number about 330,000 and are to increase to 352,000 by the end of the year.

They are expected to take over much of the fighting as the U.S. draws down an additional 23,000 troops to 68,000 by the end of September.

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An Afghan National Army soldier patrols the gate of the military hospital in Kabul. RAHMAT GUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Transition

The Afghan government is gradually gaining traction.

- The head of a commission overseeing the transition to Afghan-led security said the country's current transition stage will end with the Afghans taking the lead for areas representing 75 per cent of the population within six months.
- The transition process will allow most international combat forces to withdraw, leaving the Afghan security forces in control across the nation by the end of 2014. A smaller number of forces are expected to stay on past that date in a mentoring, training and counterterrorism role.
- "The completion of transition ... will mark the end of NATO's combat role, but not the end of our engagement. NATO is committed to an enduring partnership," Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said.

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Officials seek to end prisoner hunger strike

Egyptian and Palestinian officials said Sunday they were close to reaching a deal with Israel that would end a mass hunger strike by Palestinians in Israeli jails.

Some 1,600 Palestinian prisoners are on strike, most for a month, but three have refused food for more than 70 days. They launched the strike to press their demands for better conditions and an end to detention without trial.

An Egyptian-drafted proposal calls for Israel to move prisoners currently held in solitary confinement to regular cells, and allow families from Hamas-ruled Gaza to leave the seaside strip to visit imprisoned relatives, an Egyptian official said on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the discussions.

It also calls for Israel to ease a policy called "administrative detention" under which some prisoners deemed a security risk can be held indefinitely without charge. Under the draft agreement, that policy would be changed and prisoners will be either charged or released after they are detained.

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Deal to end prison hunger strikes near

Israel. Fate of the Palestinians in Israeli jails is a major rallying point; a deal to end the strikes is said to be close

Egyptian and Palestinian officials said Sunday they were close to reaching a deal with Israel that would end a mass hunger strike by Palestinians in Israeli jails.

The official says the Egyptian-drafted proposal still needs to be approved by the prisoners.

Some 1,600 Palestinians held in Israeli jails are striking, most for a month, but two men have refused food two for more than 70 days.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, said Sunday that under the deal Israel will move prisoners currently in solitary confinement to regular cells.

Israel also will soften its "administrative-detention" policy, under which prisoners deemed a security risk can be held without charges.

Israeli officials would not comment.

The fate of the prisoners has become an especially poignant rallying point over the past month.

Palestinian prisoners have yet to review the proposal, and Israeli officials refused comment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On strike? At least ...

1,600

According to prison officials, at least 1,600 of the 4,600 Palestinians held by Israel are refusing food. Palestinians say 2,500 prisoners are taking part.

Missadeh Diab holds a picture of her son Bilal at home in the West Bank. He was arrested in August and is held without charges. BERNAT ARMANGUE/AP

Farming village raided

Syrian revolt could morph into a broader conflict

Syrian forces killed at least five people when they raided a Sunni farming village on Sunday.

Homes were torched and shops looted in what activists said is a sign of worsening relations among the country's religious groups.

Tensions stemming from the 14-month-old uprising against President Bashar Assad also touched off clashes across the border in Lebanon as the revolt threatened to morph into a broader conflict. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

30 militants killed

Yemen gets tough with al-Qaida

Government troops backed by warplanes and heavy artillery pounded al-Qaida positions in southern Yemen on Sunday, killing at least 30 militants.

The army launched its assault on the al-Hurur region of Abyan province at dawn, pushing out al-Qaida-linked fighters.

Yemen was the launching pad for two foiled al-Qaida attacks on U.S. territory, including the Christmas 2009 attempt to down an American airliner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Good health and prosperity

A man throws cold water over the head of a devotee of Hindu goddess Maha Mariamman during a religious procession in Amritsar, India, on Sunday. Devotees believe that goddess Maha Mariamman, brings good health and prosperity to those who worship her.

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Rescuers from the Russian ministry of emergency situations walk to the crash site of the Sukhoi Superjet-100 at Mount Salak in Bogor, Indonesia, Sunday. JEFRY TARIGAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Teams seek crashed plane's black box

Indonesia. Investigators were searching ravine near where jet was found on volcano

Indonesian special forces and professional climbers scaled down a treacherous ravine on a volcano face Sunday in search of the missing flight recorder that could explain the deadly crash of a Russian-made jetliner.

The Sukhoi Superjet-100 had 45 people aboard when it crashed into Mount Salak on Wednesday during a flight intended to woo potential Indonesian airline buyers.

All aboard are presumed dead, and helicopters have been ferrying the victims' remains to Jakarta, the capital, for identification since Saturday.

It's unclear what caused the crash about halfway through a planned 50-minute flight, so finding the "black-box" recorder is a priority.

A landslide was triggered when the Superjet slammed into the side of the volcano, and much of the wreckage was covered in rocks and dirt, local media reported.

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Economy

Canada has best two-month job gain in 30 years

Canada booked its best two-month employment gain in three decades with news Friday that the economy churned out 58,200 new jobs in April, the strongest signal in some time the economic recovery may be coming out of a mid-winter stall.

The report was far stronger than anyone anticipated with Canadians able to find new jobs in seven provinces across the country, many full-time and in the high-paying manufacturing, construction and resource industries.

Combined with March's 82,300 jobs number, the 140,500 total is the best two-month employment performance the country has seen since 1981.

The only negative was that the unemployment rate edged up one-tenth of a point to 7.3 per cent. But Statistics Canada said that was because even more people went looking for work last month — a signal of labour-market strength rather than weakness.

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Banking

Execs to step down after $2-billion loss

Three executives at JPMorgan Chase, the largest bank in the United States, are expected to leave their jobs this week after a $2-billion US trading blunder, the Wall Street Journal reported Sunday. The Journal, citing people familiar with the situation, reported that one of the executives is Ina Drew, who for seven years has run the risk-management division at the bank responsible for the loss.

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Referendum

Irish vote could kill EU's austerity drive

The Irish could be next to give the European Union's austerity plans a black eye.

A May 31 referendum in Ireland will ask the public to approve an EU treaty that aims to control nations' deficits and longer-term debts. But critics say the treaty ignores the competing need to stimulate growth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Facebook CEO Zuckerberg set for big birthday week

Tech titan. Social-networking site expected to start selling stock publicly, trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, seen in this 2011 file photo in San Francisco, turns 28 on Monday. He's considerably younger than the average Fortune 500 CEO, of course. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Don't let the hoodie and sneakers fool you. Mark Zuckerberg is no wet-behind-the-ears CEO.

Facebook's chief executive turns 28 on Monday, setting in motion the social network's biggest week ever.

The company is expected to start selling stock to the public for the first time and begin trading on the Nasdaq market on Friday. The IPO could value Facebook at nearly $100 billion US, making it worth more than such iconic companies as Disney, Ford and Kraft Foods.

At 28, Zuckerberg is exactly half the age of the average S&P 500 CEO, according to executive search firm Spencer Stuart. With eight years on the job, he's logged more time as leader than the average CEO, whose tenure is a little more than seven years, according to Spencer Stuart.

Even so, the pressures of running a public company will undoubtedly take some getting used to.

Once Facebook begins selling stock, Zuckerberg will be expected to please a host of new stakeholders, including Wall Street investment firms, hedge funds and pension funds who will pressure him to keep the company growing.

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Yahoo. CEO steps down amid resumé controversy

Yahoo CEO Scott Thompson left the company four months into the job Sunday after more than a week of scrutiny into inaccuracies on his resumé and in company filings.

The struggling Internet company had hoped that Thompson, who became CEO in January, would turn things around. But he now becomes the fourth CEO to leave Yahoo in five years. He is being replaced by Yahoo's global media head Ross Levinsohn.

Thompson's exit was encouraged by Third Point, the activist hedge fund that owns nearly six per cent of Yahoo shares. Third Point claimed that Thompson had padded his resumé with a degree in computer science from Stonehill College.

Thompson did earn an accounting degree from Stonehill, a Catholic school near Boston, in 1979, a fact that Yahoo correctly lists. But he did not earn a computer-science degree

Privately, Thompson told his colleagues that he wasn't responsible for the incorrect information.

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Greece. Keep or sell property: A dilemma

The economic crisis sideswiping Greece has had a particularly personal impact on some people in Canada, as members of the Greek diaspora fret about what to do with property in their homeland.

A deeply unpopular property tax created by the Ministry of Finance in 2011, one of many austerity measures adopted by the debt-stricken country, is expected to cost the average household between $1,300 and $2,000 a year and applies to virtually everyone owning property in Greece. The tax, which factors in the size, age and location of the property, will affect more than 5.1-million properties in Greece — including the more than 70,000 owned by foreigners.

Some land owners would rather part with everything in an attempt to salvage whatever they can. "I have a house, land, farms and I want to get rid of it all," said John Babalis, a Greek Montrealer originally from Kalamata. "No one is looking after it when we aren't there and we're worried about the government, so none of it is worth keeping."

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Cellphones. Regulators fine carriers $7.3 million

Regulators in Nigeria have fined four mobile-phone carriers a total of $7.3 million US over poor service in a nation that depends on cellular phones for communications, a spokesman said Sunday.

The Nigeria Communications Commission's penalties hit Bharti Airtel Ltd. of India, Abu Dhabi-based Etisalat, local firm Globacom Ltd. and South Africa-based MTN Group Ltd., some of the dominant carriers in Africa's most populous nation. Etisalat and MTN must pay $2.25 million apiece, while Airtel faces a penalty of $1.68 million and Globacom faces a $1.125-million fine, said Reuben Muoka, a commission spokesman.

The fines come for poor service, dropped calls and bad line quality in March and April, Muoka said. The commission issued a statement Saturday saying that they decided to allow January and February to be a grace period for the companies to improve their services.

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The next front in the war between the bicycles and the cars: Point Grey Road.

The thing about Point Grey Road is that everyone thinks they own it. It has the best mountain/ocean/skyline views in a city of breathtaking vistas, so locals have just designated it an honorary part of the seawall and they run, strut, cycle, sashay and stomp along its narrow sidewalks and roadway as if they own it, competing with the designer traffic of the people who really do own it: The fabulously wealthy lucky ducks who actually live there.

Now, the city plans to create a designated bike lane on Point Grey Road, as soon as this week. It will be interesting to see who gives up the coveted remaining square inch to squeeze it in. Parking? Don't think so, as not everyone has a driveway. Sidewalk? Where will the Chip Wilson brigade model the latest Lycra?

I'm sure council is hoping cars will go…away, leaving Point Grey in a permanent state of aerobic bliss, a perpetual celebration of yuppie fitness.

Point Grey Road

"If you're a motorist, another route bites the dust. It's getting so that it's quicker to get to work on bike than by car."

Meanwhile, if you're a motorist, another route bites the dust. It's getting so that it's quicker to get to work on bike than by car.

Oh. Right.

Don't get me wrong. I love my bike. I just spent Saturday morning in the happy throng of pedal-pushers participating in the Van-Fondo, a glorious 45-kilometre bike tour of the city in perfect conditions. We gleefully ground traffic to halt at nearly every intersection of significance from East Van to the University and back. But that's once a year. The mayor and his cycle-crazed council want to Fondo-ize the entire city for eternity.

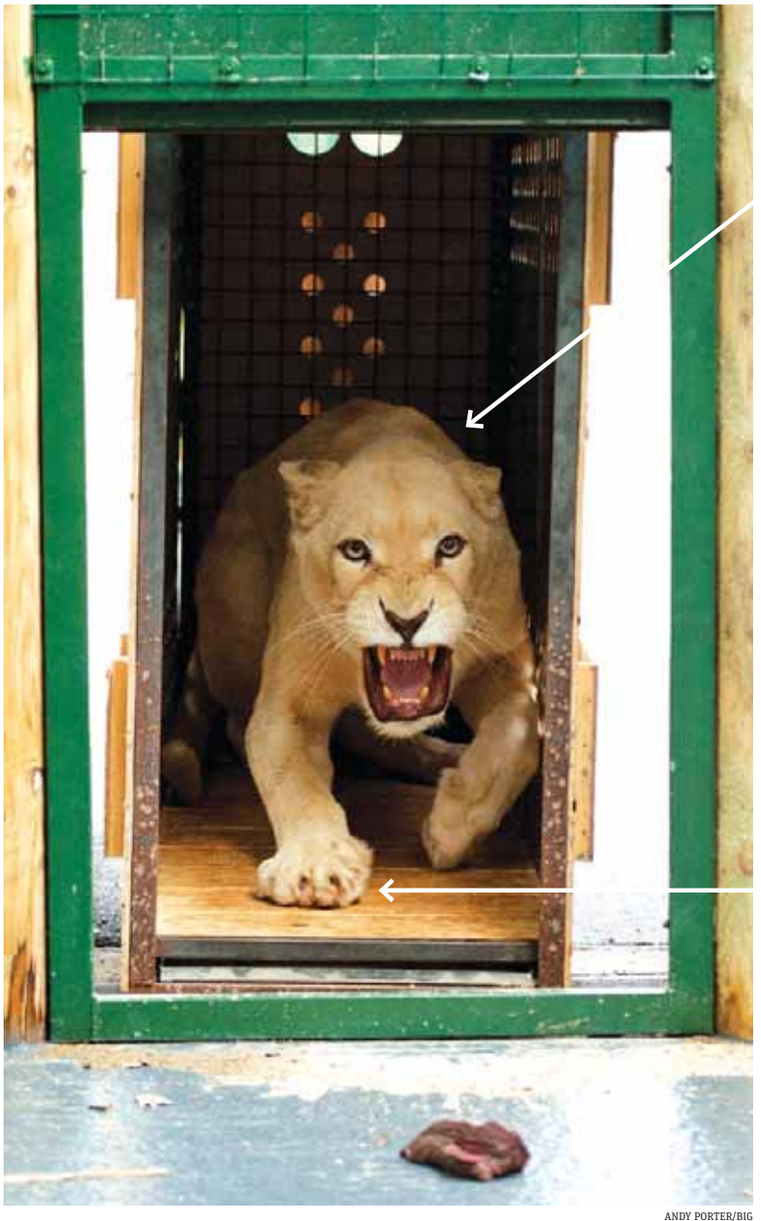
There are a couple things wrong with that. When you spend $40,000-$50,000 on the latest miracle of hybrid technology, it doesn't come with a warning that you're increasingly less welcome on the streets of Vancouver.

Also, the cycling community has yet to buy into the rules of the road, and designated cycle lanes just make them less accountable. If you're a cyclist, please answer the following questions: When was the last time you stopped and dismounted at a stop sign? Do you stop behind a line of cars stopped at a light or just ride up the right side of the line to the front? And when was the last time you signalled when you turned, especially at a "minor" intersection? Do you wear a helmet as you pedal your fashionable roadster down the middle of the road, or would that just ruin your hair?

I should stop now.

Something's gotta give. And after the Battle of Point Grey Road, I worry that it will be the spirit of co-operation and compromise that lies bleeding in the middle of the street, because it failed to signal before a left turn.

I am Fia, hear me roar!



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Wildlife conservation

New white lions, pride of England

After a 20-hour flight without sedation, you'd expect this lioness to be a little grouchy. Fia and her sister Joy, two rare white lionesses flown from their native South Africa, are the new residents of the Wildlife Heritage Foundation's Big Cat Sanctuary in the village of Smarden in southeast England. MWN

Genetics

"We've brought the lions here to help expand a new bloodline."

Lynn Whitnall, trustee at the Wildlife Heritage Foundation

The two lionesses, about 5 years old, have been brought to the sanctuary in the hope that they will eventually breed with the resident male white lion. Because of their rarity — with "literally a handful of them left in South Africa," Whitnall tells Metro — preserving the white lion's bloodline is of paramount importance for wildlife conservationists.

Feline facts

- **Trophy beasts.** White lions are indigenous to South Africa. For many years, they were hunted for trophies; because of their rarity they have great value.
- **They're not albinos.** Their colour is caused by a recessive gene known as the chutiya, or colour-inhibitor gene. They vary from blonde through near-white, even red.
- **Missing in the wild.** There are roughly 300 white lions worldwide. However, there are no white lions left in the wild within their natural distribution range. *Source: Global White Lion Protection Trust*

Weird news

Thief's honour blooms for Mother's Day

No matter how much digging investigators did, the crime remained open until a thief turned himself in and returned the fruits of his theft.

In this case, the crime was stealing two hydrangeas in May 1958 from Centennial Park in Nashville.

And the thief, 72-year-old Bill Teitleff of Joy, Ky., returned plants from the root system of the purloined flowers to the park Thursday.

Teitleff took the flowering plant because he didn't have enough money at the time to buy a Mother's Day gift for his mother. At the time of the theft, Teitleff was 18 years old and newly married.

Eventually, the past caught up with Teitleff and he didn't like how it felt.

Teitleff says he can now walk through Centennial Park without feeling guilty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Matthew Morrison and Cameron Diaz star in What to Expect When You're Expecting, opening on Friday. HANDOUT

Lopez and Diaz know what to expect — and it's not pretty

Pregnancy. What to Expect When You're Expecting stars dish on the births they've been privy to

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"I was in [the delivery room] and they were doing a C-section. There was just, like, blood everywhere, my sister's guts out on a platter — the inside, all of her intestines. It was crazy, dude."

Cameron Diaz
What to Expect When You're Expecting actress, on watching her sister have a C-section, which may have shaded her own views on pregnancy

What to Expect When You're Expecting — based on the bestselling pregnancy manual — is supposed to be about the highs and lows of having a child, but stars Jennifer Lopez and Cameron Diaz are more interested in the more horrific aspects.

"I had a C-section, but my sister gave birth six months later," Lopez remembers.

"We got pregnant around the same time, and she asked me to be in the delivery room with her. Because I had twins and it was recommended for me to have a C-section, there was a part of me that had thought, 'I didn't get to do it the way that everybody else does.'

"But when I saw my sister pushing that baby out, I was like, 'Maybe this was all right! Maybe this was a better out,'" remembers Lopez.

Diaz, who doesn't have any children of her own, explains that she got a crash course in the gruesome realities of having a baby at age 25 when her sister gave birth — and it may have shaded her own views on pregnancy.

"I was in [the delivery room] and they were doing a C-section," Diaz remembers.

"There was just, like, blood everywhere, my sister's guts out on a platter — the inside, all of her intestines. It was crazy, dude."

As grisly as that may sound, though, Diaz insists the other option isn't that appealing, either.

"But the vaginal delivery was crazy," she says. "No man should ever see it! Never let a man see that. Never."

Luckily, the film focuses on many other aspects of being pregnant.

For Diaz, part of the fun of making What to Expect When You're Expecting was the prosthetic … enhancements she got to wear — even if they didn't stand up to the elements.

"My pregnant breasts were really amazing," Diaz says with a laugh. "I was like, 'Wow! Those are awesome!'

"But then, when they put them on — because it was just the top part — in the Atlanta heat, I aged about 40 years by the end of two hours.

"They were literally hanging down to my hips! They were just drooping down, like they were just melting off my body, and it was really not attractive," she says.

A selfless act

Beyond birthing

So with all the pregnancy horror stories, might Lopez make like her character and consider adoption as an option for her next child? "It's funny because before the movie, I never really thought about adoption at all. I just always wanted to have my own baby," she says. "But after the film and during the making of the film when I held those two little Ethiopian twins, I fell in love instantly and it really occurred to me, I can see how somebody can do this, how it is so easy to embrace a child who has nothing. It's really a beautiful selfless act of love…"

Box office

Avengers defends No. 1 spot

The Avengers is taking a page out of Superman's comic book — flying faster than a speeding bullet to the billion-dollar mark at the box office. The superhero blockbuster took in $103.2 million to lead for a second straight weekend, raising its domestic total to $373.2 million. With $95.4 million more overseas, The Avengers lifted its international receipts to $628.9 million for a worldwide haul of just over $1 billion. The action smash from Disney's Marvel Studios easily fended off Johnny Depp and Tim Burton's vampire romp Dark Shadows, which had a so-so domestic start of $28.8 million to finish a distant No. 2. That's far below such past Depp-Burton collaborations as Alice in Wonderland, which opened with $116.1 million, and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, which debuted with $56.2 million.
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On the web

Young Montreal filmmaker 'amazed' by third trip to Cannes fest

Desperate times for fans as Housewives bid a final farewell

Last episode. Cast and creator look back on the successful show that spanned eight scandalous seasons

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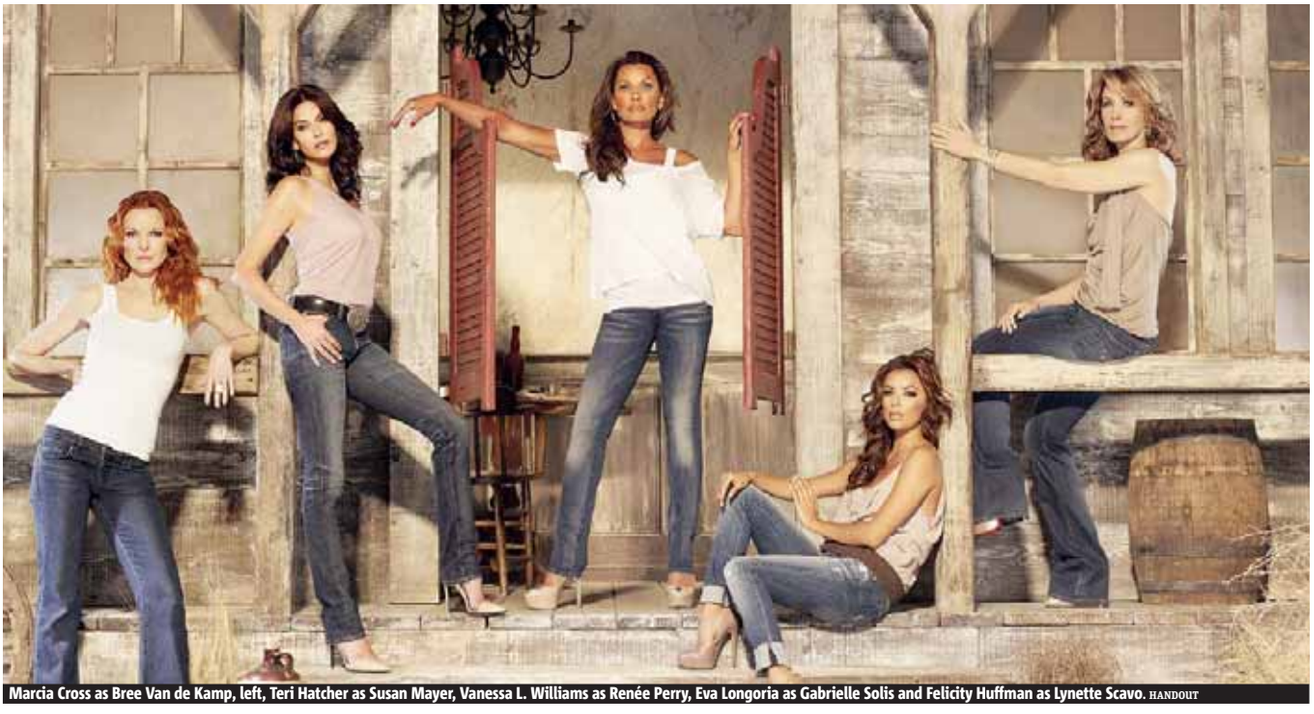

Marcia Cross as Bree Van de Kamp, left, Teri Hatcher as Susan Mayer, Vanessa L. Williams as Renée Perry, Eva Longoria as Gabrielle Solis and Felicity Huffman as Lynette Scavo. HANDOUT

With the final episode of the ABC hit series airing last night, Metro remembers eight successful seasons on Wisteria Lane as the stars and creator of Desperate Housewives pick some of their favourite — and least favourite — moments of the show.

One of the most memorable scenes through all the seasons of scandal in the suburbs was when Susan (Teri Hatcher) got locked out of her house — naked — in Season 1.

Recalling the shoot, Hatcher says, "We always start at six in the morning up there on Wisteria Lane on the top of Universal (Studios), the most beautiful place to work in Los Angeles.

"And it was a new wardrobe girl. Her name was Susan. (I say,) 'Hi, Susan. Nice to meet you. I'm Teri.' (She says,) 'Can we please take some gaffer's tape and cover your nipples and your crotch?'

"And I walk to the set, and I was in a robe, and it was going to be six hours of shooting this from every angle. It was really a dance, and it was an amazing, amazing experience."

The storyline they didn't think they could pull off

"I'll tell you one thing that I didn't think we were ever going to get away with — because I had fans threatening my life for years," says series creator Marc Cherry. "I didn't think we were ever going to be able to split Tom (Doug Savant) and Lynette (Felicity Huffman) up, because that relationship was so treasured and so a lot of the fans really related to it."

Yet the beloved couple did break up in Season 8, which Huffman calls simply "upsetting." She and Savant didn't get to work together as much, "and working with Doug is one of my favorite things," Huffman says.

"But I think the crumbling of the relationship rings true and I think that's one of the nice things about the (portrayal of the) marriage."

Happily for fans of the couple, it appears they're on their way to reconciliation.

Quoted

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Desperate Housewives creator Marc Cherry

The pop-culture impact

It would be hard to imagine Bravo's privileged-ladies-behaving-badly Real Housewives franchise becoming such a hit without Desperate Housewives paving the way. The catfights, shocking deaths and questionable parenting that took place — all in fabulous outfits, natch — on Wisteria Lane drew nearly 24 million viewers in its first season.

"The show became essential watercooler fodder, particularly for women who had just aged out of Sex in the City," says Dwight DeWerth-Pallmeyer, director of communication studies at Widener University.

"While the Wisteria Lane women were easier to identify with than the women from SiTC's Manhattan, their stories were just as exotic, involving murder, blackmail and other niceties of suburban living.

"Of course, these women were generally richer than most suburban moms, their lives more dramatic and their physiques more beautiful. But that's the nature of television. It entertains us by holding up models of people we could never be."

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Houston family focus of new reality series

In production. Lifetime show will follow Houston's daughter, mother Cissy and others as they cope with loss

A reality show featuring Whitney Houston's relatives, including daughter Bobbi Kristina and mother Cissy, is in the works.

Houston representative Kristen Foster confirmed on Friday that The Houston Family Chronicles is in the making for the Lifetime network.

It will focus on Pat Houston, sister-in-law and manager of the late singer. Pat Houston is also helping care for Whitney Houston's only child, 19-year-old Bobbi Kristina. The show promises to feature Bobbi Kristina and Cissy, as well as Houston's cousin Dionne Warwick, gospel singer CeCe Winans and other members of the Houston family.

"The tragic loss of Whitney Houston left a void in the hearts of people all over the world, but certainly none more so than her beloved family," said Rob Sharenow, executive vice-president of programming at Lifetime, in a statement.

"In this series, the multi-generations of the Houston family will bravely reveal their lives as they bond together to heal, love and grow."

Lifetime said The Houston Family Chronicles will air this year but released no firm date.

Whitney Houston drowned in a bathtub in Beverly Hills, Calif., in February at age 48. Authorities said her death was complicated by cocaine use and heart disease.

Pat Houston, Whitney Houston's brother Gary and Bobbi Kristina spoke about Houston's death in an interview with Oprah Winfrey on Winfrey's OWN network in March.

Cissy Houston, also a singer, put out her first new music in over a decade on iTunes this week. Cissy, Gary and Bobbi Kristina are expected to appear Saturday in Newark, N.J., at a gospel tribute to the late superstar as part of the annual McDonald's Gospelfest concert.

Bobbi Kristina was part of Being Bobby Brown, the Bravo TV show that featured her parents in an unfavourable light as their antics were on full display for one season.

Whitney Houston later expressed misgivings about doing the show, and Brown recently told Matt Lauer of NBC's Today show that Being Bobby Brown had served as a wake-up call about how serious the couple's drug use had become.

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Bobbi Kristina, pictured here with her late mother, Whitney Houston, will be part of a new reality series on the Houston family. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"The tragic loss of Whitney Houston left a void in the hearts of people all over the world, but certainly none more so than her beloved family."

Rob Sharenow, vice-president of Lifetime, who will air a new Houston series.

Opting out

Bobby Brown questions daughter's involvement

While Houston's family may have a show in the works, Bobby Brown said he was unaware of it and his daughter's involvement.

"I haven't heard about that and I definitely question it," he said. "But I know my daughter will make the right decisions in her life. "She was brought up right."

Brown also said he was planning his own reality show that would reflect his drug-free lifestyle and his new life (he is engaged).

"I'm much smarter, much more of a man (now)," he said. "I have a different life."

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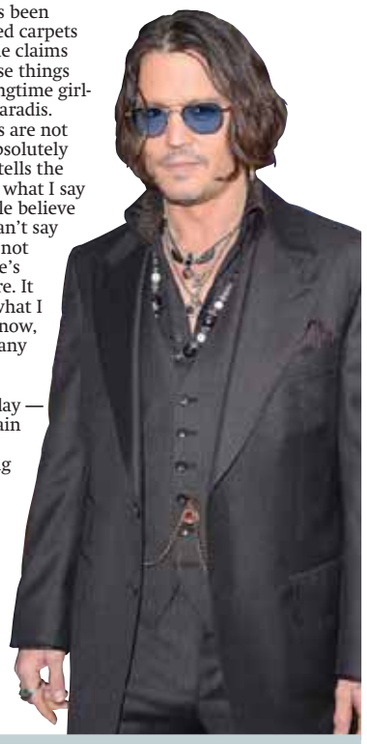

Johnny Depp has been showing up to red carpets solo lately, but he claims that’s not because things are over with longtime girlfriend Vanessa Paradis.

“The rumours are not true. They are absolutely not true,” Depp tells the Sun. “No matter what I say about this, people believe the opposite. I can’t say enough about it not being over. There’s no truth anymore. It doesn’t matter what I say to you right now, it doesn’t make any difference.”

Just what we needed on Monday — a nihilistic Captain Jack. This week just keeps getting darker.

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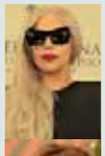

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watched crime documentary last night: woman caught killing rich husband because she used her “reward” card at grocery to buy blood remover. I WANT TO BE HER. you’d think she had more problems than saving 50 cents and driving away in his white LEXUS.

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Trying to remember to relax and take deep breaths today.

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Dear future child.ignore me for the most part.I am not an example setter.but we will play so good!!where ARE you right now??!!

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Travolta accusations piling up

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We tried to avoid the John Travolta rumours last week. Not because we didn’t believe them — if you’ve seen 15 minutes of Wild Hogs, you could see him breaking rules on the massage table — but because they’re gross, and we prefer to ease into the weekend with a Johnny Depp photo search.

But now, a total of three men have accused the actor of sexually harassing them during massage sessions, and a former employee of the swanky Peninsula Hotel has come forward claiming that Travolta was banned from the spa after a pattern of “inappropriate behaviour” with the staff, reports the New York Daily News.

Travolta’s lawyers are, of course, denying all of the accusations, even providing time-stamped photos to TMZ in an effort to prove he was across the country when some of the incidents were alleged to have taken place.

On the one hand, we find it hard to believe that Travolta wouldn’t quickly and quietly hand over the couple million these guys are asking for if he didn’t have the perfect alibi.

On the other, we read through the lawsuits and you can’t make up stuff this lonely and pathetic — trust us, we try every day over here.

Ryan Seacrest ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Seacrest has marriage on his mind

Ryan Seacrest faked out American Idol audiences last week with what looked like a proposal to girlfriend Julianne Hough, instead giving her a note to pass on to her Rock of Ages co-star Tom Cruise.

But there was apparently some truth behind the gag, as Seacrest admits the pair have had marriage on their minds, according to Life & Style Weekly.

“It’s something we talk about,” he says. When asked if it’s something they consider doing soon, he adds: “We talk about that, too.”

Mendes, Gosling still a pair

When Eva Mendes showed up solo at last week’s Met Gala, she sparked rumours that she’d split with boyfriend Ryan Gosling.

But fans can rest easy, as the pair are still very much together, according to Hollyscoop.

Mendes and Gosling were spotted grabbing coffee and baked goods — and walking hand-in-hand — around New York City recently.

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Some parents say they would consider implanting their children with a tracking device. ISTOCK

To microchip kids or not — that is the question

Technology. Some parents may agree to a GPS tracking device, but what about a body implant?

Recently, the ladies of the American talk show The View started quite the discussion when they proposed implanting microchips in children —just as you would a pet.

Whoopi Goldberg first mentioned the idea while the ladies were discussing the infamous Etan Patz case that really introduced parents to the dangers of missing children (he disappeared in 1979).

The basic conclusion of the panel was that if it's good enough for your Shih Tzu, it should be good enough for your children. This way we'd able to find young children if they were abducted.

First of all, as some of mommyish.com's readers noted, that's not exactly the way that microchips work.

Terri was the first to explain: "Pet microchips don't work like GPS trackers; rather, they can be scanned if a lost pet is brought into a shelter or vet clinic, in order to access the owner's contact information."

But there were still plenty of parents who seemed to believe that a GPS tracker for children wouldn't be a bad idea.

Amy brought up another famous missing persons case and the impact it made on her. "When I was 13, Jennifer Odom disappeared. She only needed to go 300 feet to her house from the step off the school bus. It took a bit to find her body. Still unsolved. Even if it's a worst-case scenario of, 'I can get my pit-bull back', I want the same service afforded to protecting my kids."

No matter what the crime rate may be, bad things still happen and parents are still desperate to protect their children from harm.

One reader, Rebecca, had a creative idea of a less permanent way to help keep track of young children who might wander off.

Her suggestion: "I'd be interested in GPS jewelry for kids, something you can remove easily, but isn't so obvious that a kidnapper would recognize what it is. It would be great if only you had access to the GPS signal, say through your phone or something. I go into NYC a lot, which is challenging with two preschoolers. If one slips away at the giant Toys 'R' Us, a lot of panic attacks could be averted."

To that end, there actually are a variety of GPS trackers that are available for cautious parents looking to keep their young children safe. But none of these options would be cheap. Companies have designed GPS units that can be placed in jewelry, clothing or bookbags, so that your children could be monitored at any time. Once the kids get older, you could stop asking them to wear the GPS device.

With all this talk of tracking kids in case of the worst, I think it's important to note that parents should be educating their children about stranger danger and safe practices as well. GPS might locate your child after the unthinkable has happened, but we all want to avoid that awful scenario altogether.

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Creative solution

"I'd be interested in GPS jewelry for kids, something you can remove easily."

Rebecca,
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Parenting

Do kids ever belong on a leash?

Since having kids, I've been freaked out by traffic. Parking lots, busy streets, even driveways have become safety hazards for me when I'm out with my children.

Usually we stick to the sidewalks, but not always. There have been numerous instances of waltzing through intersections, meandering along curbs and worst of all, weaving through parked cars.

When each boy started nursery school, he developed an insatiable appetite for freedom. The preferred destination? Parking lots. I remember picking up my eldest, now nine, from school and within seconds of leaving the building, he'd be heading straight into the carpool lane. Needless to say, the vice-grip hand-hold became de rigueur.

It was a phase he eventually grew out of — but not before teaching his younger brother exactly how it was done.

And so by the time my second son, now seven, started nursery school, he also hit the streets whenever possible. But with him, I was prepared. Doors would spring open and my hand would immediately go for his coat/knapsack/whatever body part I could grasp. My quick-draw-McGraw reflex surprised even myself.

But what was I going to do? Use a leash? No way.

I'd seen those parents. The relaxed ones. The ones walking through malls, airports, even parks, while their little ones meandered happily. On their leashes. Sometimes they wore full-on harnesses, though more often than not the leash was disguised as a backpack. I couldn't help but stare. And judge. These were children, not pets.

And then my three- year-old discovered the joys of the open roads. When he dashed into the school parking lot the first time, I chased him. The second time, I grabbed him. He soon learned to walk by my side, or, in worst-case scenarios, find himself thrown over my shoulder.

And then a few weeks ago, he disappeared. My husband and I had taken separate cars to a party.

My son insisted on going home with his daddy, so I left. Moments later my husband called, asking me if I'd taken our youngest son home. Luckily, the mad dasher was found by a lovely woman.

I'm now reconsidering my view on the leash. What about you?

CAROLYN DREBIN, MOMMYISH.COM

3 LIFE

Viral video

Cancer patients' big online hit

A video featuring cancer-stricken children, their nurses, doctors and parents lip-synching and dancing to the popular Kelly Clarkson song Stronger has become an online sensation. Clarkson, in her own video message to the children at Seattle Children's Hospital, called the video "amazing." "It made my day. I know it's making everybody else's day online," Clarkson said in a message posted on her website. "I just can't wait to meet you."

The youngsters, many attached to IVs and holding signs that say "Stronger," "Fighter" and "Hope," dance along with parents and medical staff. One child even rides a bike through the hallways of the hematology oncology floor. The video is part of a creative arts program with cancer patients at the Seattle hospital. The kids' video was the idea of 22-year-old Chris Rumble, a patient at the hospital who was diagnosed with leukemia in April. He wanted to do something to share with his old hockey team in the central Washington town of Wenatchee.

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On the Web

What passed for 'hijinks' in Mitt Romney's teens might not be treated so differently today

Bring spring to your table with a chicken-veggie dish

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

To make the most of tender spring vegetables, it's important to use a gentle touch at the stove. This not only results in a more delicious dish, it's also usually much less work.

This braise of chicken legs and spring veggies is a great example. Though the chicken cooks for 30 minutes, the vegetables steam in the same pot for a few minutes.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp unsalted butter, room temperature
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp canola oil
- 4 chicken legs, skin and excess fat removed
- Salt and black pepper
- 2 sweet onions, quartered
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 2 cups no-salt chicken stock
- 2 tsp dried thyme
- 1 bunch asparagus
- 1 bunch broccolini
- 1 tbsp cider vinegar

1. In small bowl, mix butter and flour until completely smooth. Set aside.

2. In heavy-bottomed pot, heat oil over medium-high heat. Season the chicken legs with salt and pepper. Working in batches, cook legs until well-browned, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to plate.

3. Add onions to pot and brown 8 mins. Add wine and scrape bottom of pan to loosen browned bits. Return legs to pan along with the stock and thyme. Bring to low simmer, then cover. Reduce heat to low and simmer until the chicken legs are tender, about 30 minutes.

4. When the chicken cooked, place asparagus and broccolini over chicken and cover. Allow veggies to steam 5 mins. or until just tender and bright green.

5. Transfer legs and veg to platter. Increase heat to medium-high and whisk in the flour and butter mixture. Continue whisking until mix thickens, about 3 mins. Whisk in vinegar, then season with salt and pepper. Pour the sauce over the chicken and vegetables.

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Healthy eating

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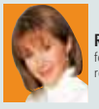

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If you're going to reach for ready-to-eat options, take a quick look at the sugar content because many of these dishes are loaded with it.

Wong Wing Garlic Honey Pork

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Equivalent

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Metro World News

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Tosca Reno is now a New York Times best-selling author as well as a health and fitness expert. CONTRIBUTED

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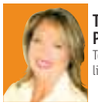

TURNING POINT
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Tosca Reno was 39 years old and stared at her reflection in the mirror.

"I look atrocious," she recalls thinking. "Where did I go?"She was 204 pounds of unhappiness brought on by a divorce. Tosca realized she had to make some changes, but little did she know the joy that would come her way.

Within three years Tosca had shed the weight, toned up and had met the love of her life, fitness guru and publishing magnate Robert Kennedy. She started writing about her journey in Oxygen magazine and propelled by her success, began writing The Eat-Clean Diet. The series of books has now sold two million copies worldwide and she has become one of the world's leading authorities on health and wellness.

Tosca Reno, before she began her healthy lifestyle. CONTRIBUTED

"I knew I wouldn't hit my stride until my later decades and I have a ways to go yet."

Tosca tragically lost her husband last month to lung cancer so she finds herself once again in transition. She is grieving but still strong in facing the mission ahead of her.

"His blessing infuses me. We have a role to play in the health landscape in this country and I intend to take it."

Tosca's tips

Tosca Reno shares some of her thoughts on life and success.

- **Preparedness meets opportunity.** Prepare yourself to be the best so when opportunity hits you can run with it.
- **Don't do anything that feels like work.** If you're passionate about something, it doesn't feel like work.
- **Always do it in a friendly style.** Befriend the audience and never lecture. Always come from your own truth.
- **Be grateful.** Every day feel grateful for the experience and the people that work with you.
- **Spend no time on the negative.** Turn away and go positive.

Getting students to stay in university

New book. Why the graduation rate is declining and the need to invest in the undergraduate classroom

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Over the last 17 years, Vincent Tinto's 1994 book, Leaving College: Rethinking the Causes and Cures of Student Attrition, has been a standard read for those studying student retention.

But now Tinto has authored a sequel, Completing College: Rethinking Institutional Action, with a sobering message for college administrators: College may be accessible to more people than ever before, but the graduation rate is not improving significantly — and, in some cases, it's actually declining.

"While the gap between high- and low-income students has decreased in terms of going to college, the gap in college completion between high and low income has actually increased," explains Tinto, a professor at Syracuse University. "So something's amiss. The sum set of my experience is telling me the following: While colleges have instituted a range of retention programs, for the most part those programs have sat outside the classroom. They're disconnected."

In the new book, Tinto calls for a reinvestment in the undergraduate classroom. "For low-income students, most of them work outside the college and often commute. The only time they're on campus is when they're going to the classroom," explains Tinto.

"If we don't make success in the classroom the centrepiece of our work, we've missed the whole point of it."

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Grade 5 student Shirley Tran, 10, shows off her Fitbit Wireless Personal Trainer at Blacksmith Public School in Toronto last Tuesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pilot project. Making children earn their screen time — new online game uses kids' daily activity as its sole power source

Jurmaine Dowe detaches his digital pedometer and inserts it into the docking station, and it's not long before a flurry of colourful graphics pop up and saturate the computer screen.

Within moments, the 11-year-old will be on a globe trotting journey within a virtual world that will transport him to such varied locales as Blackfoot Crossing, the Empire State Building, Mount Everest, and the moon.

Getting children moving

Michelle Brownrigg, director of physical activity and equity at U of T, weighs in on the project.

- **Screen time.** "Everything that we can look at that can figure out how we can engage kids, engage families, that will put them into a situation of building physical activity into daily life is all a good contribution."

- **Results.** The project ends next month, and results will be reviewed by researchers at the University of Toronto.

But before the Grade 5 student at Toronto's Blacksmith Public School can navigate through the digital domain, he first must rack up steps through physical activity to power his online play.

Jurmaine is among 250 kids across Canada taking part in a pilot project aimed at offering youngsters some added incentive to get moving.

Concerned Children's Advertisers has launched what is being billed as the first-ever online game to use kids' daily activity as its sole power source.

The project's aim is to determine whether gaming can be used as a motivator to change sedentary behaviour, and, in turn, increase physical activity levels among kids.

In addition to other communities within Ontario including Mississauga, Paris, Orillia and Rama, the pilot is also in place in Moncton, Regina and Whitehorse.

Children are outfitted with digital pedometers known as Fitbits that track and upload their daily steps to an online game called GOGOYU. When online, they create and customize their own avatars.

But for parents concerned about kids spending countless hours glued to screens, they needn't worry: the game has strict time limits, and offers ample educational value to its users.

As they navigate through the game, they can earn energy boosters known as "karats," learn nutritional information as well as facts about the different locales which are woven throughout the various challenges.

The pilot' project's first week involves students wearing the Fitbit daily without interaction with GOGOYU.

An online survey is also conducted to assess their sports involvement and levels of activity, said CCA school liaison Susan Houston.

The students then have four weeks interacting with the game. During the project's final phase, youngsters wear the Fitbit for one more week to see if they are continuing to keep up with their steps.

CCA president Bev Deeth said research they conducted with kids revealed that youngsters recognize the importance of leading a healthy, active life.

However, that knowledge alone wasn't necessarily enough to spur them to take action or make a change.

The information was shared with ad agency Crispin Porter & Bogusky, which developed the idea of a game powered by real-life activity.

"With one in four kids in this country being overweight or obese, this is taking a very creative new direction approach to an issue that's very problematic," Deeth said.

"We felt that we were reaching kids in more of a relevant and meaningful and motivating way."

Deeth said the game is designed to help kids get their 60 minutes of recommended moderate to vigorous physical activity a day.

According to the 2011 report card from Active Healthy Kids Canada, only nine per cent of boys and four per cent of girls are meeting those targets.

Soccer sessions at school for Jurmaine and fellow classmates Nathaniel Sinke and Shirley Tran, both 10, have helped in their efforts to ramp up their step counts.

"I was psyched because it was kind of fun hearing about the game, seeing my character in the game and everything, and seeing how many steps I could get a day ... and trying to beat my highest step count," said Jurmaine.

Shirley has racked up as many as 21,000 steps in a day and does whatever she can to increase her pedometer clicks.

"When we're doing squats, I always add marches to it to get more steps."

But not all of the kids have been keen to participate. Andrew Wood, who teaches a split Grade 4/5 class at Blacksmith, admits a few of his students haven't worn the Fitbit at all.

"You're not going to get everybody. But the point is: 'How many can you get?"' he said.

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Stepping up to the challenge

"I was psyched because it was kind of fun hearing about the game, seeing my character in the game and everything, and seeing how many steps I could get a day ... and trying to beat my highest step count."

Jurmaine Dowe, Grade 5 student at Toronto's Blacksmith Public School who is taking part in a pilot project that aims to get kids moving

How it works

8,000

Participants must reach a minimum daily physical activity goal of 8,000 steps, and a built-in timer limits game play to 20 minutes a day.

4 SPORTS

NHL playoffs

"I am excited it's the Rangers. Anybody that coaches or plays wants to play your main rival in this type of situation. I don't think it gets any better than that."

New Jersey Devils coach Peter DeBoer, whose club kicks off the Eastern Conference final on Monday night against the Rangers after New York's 2-1 Game 7 win over the Washington Capitals on Saturday night.

On the web

John Tavares has yet to make the NHL playoffs, but he still gives his family reason to cheer each spring. The IIHF world hockey championship has become an annual event, and mother Barb Tavares calls John's opportunity to don the Maple Leaf "a dream come true." Scan the code for the story.

Third time's a charm for Clippers vs. Grizzlies

Memphis Grizzlies centre Marc Gasol pauses on the court after the Grizzlies turned the ball over to the Los Angeles Clippers in the final seconds of Game 7 Sunday in Memphis, Tenn. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Los Angeles Clippers refused to let a third chance to knock the Memphis Grizzlies out of the playoffs slip away.

Kenyon Martin scored seven of his 11 points in the fourth quarter, and the Clippers advanced to the Western Conference semifinals with an 82-72 win over the Memphis Grizzlies in Game 7 on Sunday.

"That's why it's seven games," Martin said. "If you don't do it before, you get another chance. So they did what they had to do, they came and stole home court back on our floor.... We had a chance to close it out. We knew we let it go, an opportunity got away."

The Clippers blew an eight-point lead in the fourth quarter Friday night. So Martin huddled the team together at the start of the fourth quarter Sunday, and the veteran led the bench in outscoring the Grizzlies 25-16. Chris Paul had the only bucket by a starter in the final 12 minutes, and the Clippers bench outscored the Memphis reserves 41-11 overall.

"Our bench was our MVP," Clippers guard Randy Foye said. "They realized what they had to do. We had a lot of guys hurt, so we just continued to grind." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Game 7

82	72
Clippers	Grizzlies

Moving on

The Clippers avoided becoming the ninth NBA team to blow a 3-1 lead in a best-of-seven series and move on to play the top-seeded Spurs starting Tuesday.

Kings right back into swing of things to start Round 3

NHL. No. 8 seed starts West final with victory on road in Arizona

Dwight King scored his second goal of the game into an empty net and the Los Angeles Kings opened the Western Conference final with a 4-2 victory over the Phoenix Coyotes on Sunday night to remain unbeaten on the road in the playoffs.

The Kings dominated early despite a week off and outshot Phoenix 48-27.

Anze Kopitar scored four minutes in, Dustin Brown had a goal and an assist, and King had his first career two-goal game to give the Kings their sixth straight road victory of the playoffs.

Derek Morris beat Jonathan Quick from the centre line, and Mikkel Boedker also scored for the Coyotes, who trail in a series for the first time this year.

"Their whole team was better than our team," Coyotes coach Dave Tippett said. "We weren't close in that game. We got beat in every facet of the game. Hopefully, we take some lessons from it and get better for the next game."

The Coyotes weren't picked by many to even make the playoffs, entering the season with an unproven No. 1 goalie and no owner for the third straight year.

Grinding and relying on Mike Smith's breakout season in goal, the Coyotes won their first division title as an NHL franchise and beat Chicago and Nashville, two supposedly better teams, to make their first appearance in the conference finals.

Los Angeles was among the NHL's worst-scoring teams all season, costing coach Terry Murray his job in December, and squeaked into the playoffs as the last team in the West.

The Kings, too, were underdogs in the playoffs and didn't seem to mind, racing through Vancouver and St. Louis to reach the conference finals for the first time since 1993 and become the first No. 8 seed to knock off the top-two teams in the same playoffs.

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Game 1

4	2
Kings	Coyotes

Kings captain Dustin Brown celebrates his third-period goal on Sunday beside Phoenix's Rostislav Klesla. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

IIHF

Ovechkin, Semin on way to worlds

Alex Ovechkin and Alexander Semin will join Russia at the world championship. The pair were ousted from the NHL playoffs Saturday when their Capitals lost 2-1 to the Rangers in Game 7 of the East semifinals.

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NBA

MVP James leads Heat past Pacers

LeBron James scored 32 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in his first game as a three-time MVP and the Miami Heat beat the Indiana Pacers 95-86 in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series on Sunday.

Chris Bosh left late in the first half with a lower abdominal injury. The Heat said he was scheduled for an MRI.

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Lebron James receives the MVP trophy on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Tennis

Raonic exits Rome after Round 1

Canadian Milos Raonic made a first-round exit at the Italian Open after losing to Germany's Florian Mayer 7-6 (5), 6-4 on Sunday.

Raonic, who was beaten last year in the first round, has yet to earn a win at Foro Italico. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

"I'm not worried about him or what he has to say."

Oklahoma City's James Harden on Los Angeles' Metta World Peace. The Thunder start their second-round series Monday vs. the Lakers in the first meeting since World Peace — formerly Ron Artest — gave Harden a concussion by hitting him in the head with his elbow.

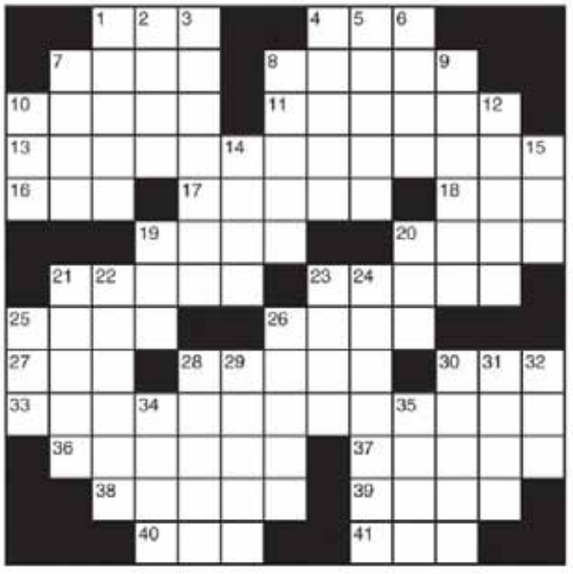
Crossword

Across

1 Handle clumsily
4 Some radios (Abbr.)
7 Urban transport
8 Tenors' solos
10 Gallup writeups
11 Celsius unit
13 Lover's earful
16 Officeholders
17 Leading
18 Past
19 One of the Gospels
20 On
21 Ahab's quarry
23 Senior member
25 Panorama
26 Jackknife, e.g.
27 Savings-plan acronym
28 Wagon-wheel part
30 Perched
33 Nondiscretionary enforcement policy
36 Leisurely walk
37 Prince Harry's mum
38 Tearjerker need (Var.)
39 Incite
40 Meadow
41 Tee preceder

Down

1 Loses colour
2 Wheelbase terminus
3 Pensive
4 Worries
5 Possibly will
6 Ganges wrap
7 Burg
8 Worship
9 Legislative body
10 Letter before omega
12 Give encouragement
14 Sneaker brand
15 Bribe
19 9-Down output
20 Sailor's affirmation
21 Mess behind a desk
22 Fireplace
23 Levee
24 Late
25 Namely (Abbr.)
26 Role for Barbra
28 Rock
29 Lively dance
30 Unforeseen hazards
31 Zits
32 Afternoon social
34 Exam format
35 Ostentatious display



Sudoku

7				4				3
	8			9			5	
4			1		2			8
3		7				4		1
		2	3		5	6		
9		8				5		7
5			9		8			6
	2			6			1	
6				3				2

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's Sudoku

9	4	7	2	8	3	1	5	6
1	2	6	4	9	5	3	8	7
3	8	5	7	1	6	4	2	9
6	3	2	9	5	7	8	1	4
4	9	8	6	2	1	5	7	3
5	7	1	3	4	8	6	9	2
8	6	3	5	7	2	9	4	1
2	5	9	1	6	4	7	3	8
7	1	4	8	3	9	2	6	5

Friday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

RK Z KXLZOX LSQZEHW VXEX

Z KZQ SK OSV-PJZORYI

GXMA, AWX HSJOM GX HZOOXM

LZEI, PJXXQ SK HSYA.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT WOULD PEOPLE NAME A RACEHORSE THAT'S A CONNOISSEUR OF FINE FOOD? THE GALLOPING GOURMET.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals E

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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Don't take risks or take anything for granted. Someone could be setting you up for a fall.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Don't worry too much if you can't seem to work out what's going on today – it will all become clear as the week progresses.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Do not allow yourself to get drawn into other people's disputes.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You will be in a generous mood today. If someone is down on their luck you won't have the heart to turn them away.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Mars in your sign makes you assertive and ambitious, but don't try to do everything all in one go.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. It does not matter if you are in one of your gloom and doom moods today because by this time tomorrow you will be all smiles again.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Put any feelings of regret or remorse you may have behind you immediately.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. A minor success can be built into something more important but you've got to be patient.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. The message of the stars is that you have nothing to worry about – no, really, nothing at all. By all means take a few chances.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You may be tempted to cut corners today but is that really such a smart idea?

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Someone you work with is in an unreasonable mood and no doubt it annoys you a lot. But don't stoop to their level and be unreasonable in return because that means they will have won. SALLY BROMPTON

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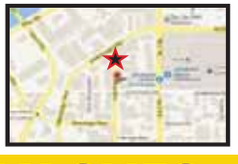

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Optima Hybrid shown

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Offer includes delivery, destination and fees of $1,577, $1,000 ECO Credit>, **$1,250** Loyalty Bonus¥ and $2,000 down payment.
BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF $32,172.
Offer based on Optima Hybrid Base.

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Offer(s) available on select new 2012/2013 models through participating dealers to qualified customers who take delivery by May 31, 2012. Dealers may sell or lease for less. Some conditions apply. Offers are subject to change without notice. See dealer for complete details. Vehicle images shown may include optional accessories and upgrades available at extra cost. All offers exclude licensing, registration, insurance, other taxes and down payment (if applicable). Other dealer charges may be required at the time of purchase. Other lease and financing options also available. §May $500 Cash Bonus is available to qualified retail customers on the purchase or lease of a 2012/2013 Forte, Forte5, Koup, Optima, Optima Hybrid, Sportage or Sorento between May 14 and May 31, 2012. $500 Bonus will be deducted from the negotiated purchase/lease price after taxes or may be applied towards the purchase of accessories. Includes $250 dealer participation. Offer available at participating dealers on in-stock vehicles only. Delivery must be taken during the program period. Some conditions apply. See dealer for complete details. **0% purchase financing is available on select 2012 Kia models on approved credit (OAC). Items vary by model and trim, see dealer for complete details. Representative financing example based on 2012 Optima Hybrid (EOPTAHC with a selling price of $32,172 (includes delivery and destination fees of $1,455, other fees and certain taxes (including tire levies) and A/C tax ($100, where applicable)) financed at 0% APR for 60 months. Bi-weekly payments equal $215 with a down payment/equivalent trade of $2,000. License, insurance, applicable taxes, variable dealer administration fees (up to $699), PPSA and registration fees are extra. Cost of borrowing of $0, for a total obligation of $32,172. Retailer may sell for less. See dealer for full details. ◆"Don't Pay for 90 Days" on select models (90-day payment deferral) applies to purchase financing offers on select 2012 and 2013 models on approved credit (OAC) (2012/2013 Sportage/Sorento/Sedona excluded). No interest will accrue during the first 90 days of the finance contract. After this period, interest starts to accrue and the purchaser will repay the principal interest monthly over the term of the contract. 'Car of the Year $100 Test Drive Bonus offer is open to eligible retail customers who test drive a new 2012 Optima between May 1 – May 31, 2012 at a participating dealership and who purchase a competitive vehicle (2012 Hyundai Sonata, Honda Accord, Toyota Camry, Ford Fusion, Chevrolet Malibu, Volkswagen Passat, Nissan Altima, Dodge Charger or Mazda6) within 7 calendar days of their Optima test drive. Eligible participants must be Canadian residents and must provide satisfactory proof of their purchase/lease of a qualifying competitive vehicle. Participants will receive a $100 gas card. Limit one offer per person. Some conditions apply. See participating dealers for complete details. ^Cash purchase price for 2012 Optima (EOPSAHC) is $23,072 and includes a $500 competitive bonus (which is deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes and cannot be combined with special lease and finance offers), delivery and destination fees of $1,455, other fees and certain taxes (including tire levies and A/C tax ($100, where applicable). License, insurance, applicable sales taxes, and registration fees are extra. Retailer may sell for less. Available at participating dealers. See dealer for full details. †'Competitive Bonus is offer available on the purchase or lease of a new 2012 Optima (excluding Hybrid) models at a value of $500 (deducted before tax) for owners of a Honda Accord, Toyota Camry or Mazda6 with proof of ownership. Certain restrictions apply. Offer is transferable within same household (must provide proof of address). Limit of one bonus per customer or household. Offer not combinable with any other loyalty/conquest offers. Offer ends May 31, 2012. >ECO-Credit for 2012 Optima Hybrid is $1,000 and is applicable to the purchase or lease of a new 2012 Kia Optima Hybrid. Available at participating dealers. Certain restrictions apply. See dealer for details. ¥Loyalty Bonus offer available on 2012 Optima Hybrid at a value of $1,250 for any current Kia owners towards the purchase or lease of a new 2012MY Optima Hybrid by May 31, 2012. Loyalty Bonus offer applicable to cash purchase, lease and purchase financing only and will be deducted from the negotiated price before taxes. Offer is transferable within same household only (must provide proof of address). Limit of one bonus per customer or household. Certain restrictions apply. See dealer for details. ΩCompare against standard horsepower between 2012 Kia Optima LX A/T vs 2012 Honda Accord SE A/T and 2012 Toyota Camry LE A/T. ≠Compare against standard horsepower between 2012 Kia Optima Hybrid vs 2012 Toyota Camry Hybrid LE. ^Highway/city fuel consumption of these vehicles may vary. These estimates are based on Transport Canada's approved criteria and tests in the methods. Refer to the Government of Canada's *EnerGuide Fuel Consumption Guide*. Your actual fuel consumption will vary. For more information on our 5-year warranty coverage, visit kia.ca or call us at 1-877-542-2886. Reproduction of the contents of this material without the expressed written approval of Kia Canada Inc. is prohibited. All information is believed to be accurate, based on information available at the time of printing. Information sourced from independent third-party research. KIA is a trademark of Kia Motors Corporation.